INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

a) Specific Purpose of the Regulations and Factual Basis for Determination that Regulations Are Necessary

Section 42-712.422

Specific Purpose:

This section is adopted to allow 16- and 17-year old teens who have graduated from high school, or its equivalent, and who have enrolled or are planning to enroll in postsecondary education, vocational, or technical school to be exempt from welfare-to-work participation requirements.

Factual Basis:

This adoption is necessary to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11320.3(b)(2)(C), as amended by Senate Bill (SB) 1264, Chapter 439, Statutes of 2002.

Sections 42-712.422(a) and (a)(1)

Specific Purpose:

These sections are adopted to define what "planning to enroll" means and to set a limit to when either verification of enrollment must be provided or the exemption is discontinued.

Factual Basis:

These adoptions are necessary to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11320.3(b)(2)(D), as specified by SB 1264, Chapter 439, Statutes of 2002.

Section 42-719.2

Specific Purpose:

This section is amended to exempt from the provisions of this section, teens age 16 and 17, who are excluded from welfare-to-work participation pursuant to MPP Section 42-712.422.

Factual Basis:

This amendment is necessary for consistency in the regulations and to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11320.3(b)(2)(C), as amended by SB 1264, Chapter 439, Statutes of 2002.

Sections 44-111.41 and .411

Specific Purpose:

These sections are adopted to exempt from consideration as income, for CalWORKs program purposes, any awards or scholarships provided by a public or private entity, to or on behalf of, a dependent child based on the child's academic or extracurricular achievement or participation in a scholastic, educational, or extracurricular competition.

Factual Basis:

These adoptions are necessary to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11157, as amended by SB 1264, Chapter 439, Statutes of 2002.

b) Identification of Documents Upon Which Department Is Relying

Senate Bill 1264 (Chapter 439, Stats. of 2002) Assembly Bill 1542, (Chapter 270, Statutes of 1997)

c) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do impose a mandate upon local agencies, but not upon school districts. The mandate does not require reimbursement pursuant to part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the California Constitution because implementation of the regulations will, if anything, result in only negligible costs.

d) Statement of Alternatives Considered

CDSS must determine that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

e) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business

CDSS has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.